Formation of National Water Resources Management Policy

2464. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a national water resource management policy;

(b) if so, what are its salient features;

(c) what is the likely impact of the policy; and

(d) if the reply to part (a) above be in the negative, whether Government propose to formulate a policy in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Water Policy was adopted by the National Water Resources Council in 1987 and its salient features are:—

(1) reckoing a drainage basin or sub-basin as a unit of planning;

(2) adoption of integrated and multi-disciplinary approach to planning and formulation of projects;

(3) integrated and conjunctive development of surface and ground water;

(4) special attention in planning projects for benefiting disadvantaged groups of the society;

(5) water transfer to needy areas based on a national perspective;

(6) priortising water use and provision of drinking water while planning multi-purpose project;

(7) integration of land and water use policies.

(c) Follow up action on the National Water Policy will facilitate in planning for integrated development of water resources for meeting the requirement for various purposes in the country.

(d) Does not arise.

12.00 NOON

[The Deputy Chairman in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Madam, in Madhya Pradesh Assembly a lady MLA of the Congress I was seriously assaulted by a BJP Member.... (*Interruption*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please go back to your seat. First I have to have Papers laid on the Table.. (*Interruptions*) You know it very well Any other thing will be taken up only after Papers are laid on the Table. (*Interruptions*)

Report and Accounts (1990-91) of the Rajasthan State Dairy Development Corporation Limited, Jaipur and related papers.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): Madam, I lay on the Table, under sub-section (1) of section 619A of the Companies Act, 1956, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) Annual Report and Accounts of the Rajasthan State Dairy Development Corporation Limited, Jaipur, for the year 1990-91, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts and the comments of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India thereon.

(ii) Statement by Government accepting the Report [Placed in Library, *See* No. LT-942-91]